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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, for the month of April 1860.

No. 138. Read the following letter from H. NEWILL, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. D, BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 13th April 1860, No. 322 :—

1. I have the honor to submit for the consideration and Orders of Government the subject of the location of my Office.

2. On my first appointment as head of the Department, I was called to Madras to arrange all preliminaries for the constitution of the Survey and Settlement Departments. Subsequently my time, when not engaged in tours in the Districts in which work is carried on, has been spent in Madras, which thus has been considered as my head-quarters, and this has been confirmed by the sanction of Government, dated 26th February 1859, No. 248, for engaging a House for my Office at that place.

3. The subject, however, now deserves consideration with reference to the location of the several working parties constituted up to this time, and other circumstances; and I would propose, on the following considerations, that I should be generally located at the Nílgiri Hills during such time as I am not required to be on my tours in the several Districts.

4. I have parties working in Trichinopoly and Salem in the proximity of the Hills, while the Wainád, also now in hand, which will require much special attention from me from the peculiar nature of the operations, runs up to the Nílgiri plateau. The Malabar District generally is likely soon to follow, and it will be of much importance that I should be located near at hand to it for the direction of the work in numerous details which must, from the peculiarity of the local circumstances, necessarily arise in the conduct of the operations. The Nílgiri Hills, therefore, are a most convenient central position for the work now in hand and immediately in prospect in the lower part of the Presidency, while other Southern Districts, which may follow hereafter in due course, will also not be inconveniently situated.

5. As regards the supervision of the Northern parties, it may be observed that by the present means of communication, Madras can be reached in three days from the Hills, and the early extension of the Railway will considerably reduce this period. There is, then, regular Sea communication direct to all the Northern Districts.

6. The present advantage of occasional personal conference with the Government, the Revenue Board, and other Offices, will still be retained, as Madras will always be my route towards the north, and I could also repair to Madras on any special occasions arising for it.

7. The personal conveniences arising from my passing a part of the time on the Hills are also, I think, to be weighed on the side of the interests of Government, for a Public Officer can undoubtedly work better and more efficiently in an invigorating climate, while this means of sustaining the health and strength without being subjected unremittingly to the deteriorating influence of the climate of the plains, is calculated to prevent, or at least to postpone, the inconvenient interruption which might otherwise be expected to arise from the necessity of recruiting health by an absence from duty: and this consideration will probably be considered of some importance from the circumstances of this Department not being one of any ordinary routine, but newly organized for measures for which special training and experience are required.

8. Should the Government be pleased to approve of the course now proposed, the only arrangement required will be sanction for the engagement of Office accommodation at the Hills, on a sum not exceeding that now allowed, viz., Rupees 105 a month—from enquiries I have made, the requisite expenditure on this account, is likely to be within Rupees 100. The Government contemplated giving rooms for my Office in the Chepauk Palace, but if I am rightly informed, the space will likely not be sufficient for all the Offices proposed to be transferred there, and, if so, the transfer of my Office to the Hills will not involve any additional expenditure, but if any thing, a saving; which, however, seems only a secondary matter considering the amount of this item.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 23th May 1860, No. 672.

1. In this letter the Director of Revenue Settlement proposes that the Nílgiri Hills should be his head-quarters, instead of Madras, which has hitherto been considered to be so.

2. The Government have carefully considered Mr. Newill's arguments; but they are of opinion that Madras, as midway between the two scenes of Survey and Settlement operations, not less than as the seat of Government and the Board of Revenue, is the most suitable place for the head-quarters of the Settlement and Survey Departments.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Under date the 28th April 1860.

Read the following letter from the Director of Revenue & Settlement.

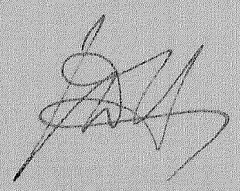
Submitting for the consideration of Government the location of his Office.

(Mem. dated 5th April 1860 No 229)

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2. The Government have carefully considered the arguments; but they are of opinion that Madras as midway between the two scenes of our survey and Settlement operations, not less than as the seat of Government and the Board of Revenue is the most

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